

Appl. No. 10/707,970
Response Dated March 7, 2006
Reply to Office Action Dated February 21, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Interview Summary dated February 21, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the substance of the interview is as follows:

Discussed the differences between the prior art of record and the claimed invention, in particular the difference between coating and molding. Applicant agreed to amend claim 1 to further define the molding is positioned across the gap. The examiners agreed that this limitation would define over the art of record.

In the Response to Office Action dated February 9, 2006, Applicant presented another Interview Summary indicating that no agreement was made during the interview, and that the substance of the interview was contained in the Response. Applicant notes that the examiners did agree that an amendment to claim 1 which provided a limitation the molding positioned across the gap would define over the art of record. However, no agreement was made as to the actual wording of the limitation. Applicant, therefore, suggests the following Interview Summary:

Discussed the differences between the prior art of record and the claimed invention, in particular the difference between coating and molding. The examiners agreed that claim 1 could be amended to further define that the molding is positioned across the gap, and that this limitation would define over the art of record. Applicant agreed to amend claim 1 to further clarify the molding, but no agreement concerning the wording of claim 1 was reached during the interview.

Applicant further notes that the Interview Summary should also note that John Lovell was also present for the interview.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this

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application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2006, for which the one-month date for response is March 21, 2006. Please apply any charges not covered or any credits, to Deposit Account 19-0610 (Reference Number 20.2836).

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~~Respectfully submitted,~~

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